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FBIS 31 (SEE 15--BOKASSA DEPOSED)

CAE: PARIS RADIO REPORTS OVERTHROW OF BOKASSA

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(EXCERPTS) BOKASSA I WAS OVERTHROWN LAST NIGHT IN A COUP D'ETAT. A REPUBLIC HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED. DAVID DACKO, A FORMER ADVISER TO THE EMPEROR, HAS TAKEN POWER IN BANGUI. ALL THIS HAPPENED ON THE STROKE OF 0100 AND APPARENTLY WITHOUT BLOODSHED. THE DEPOSED EMPEROR REPORTEDLY LEFT HIS COUNTRY 48 HOURS EARLIER, AND TAKEN REFUGE IN LIBYA; AT ANY RATE THAT IS WHAT OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL RADIO ARE SAYING ON THE SPOT.

EMPRESS CATHERINE HAS BEEN IN FRANCE TO PUT THE DEPOSED HEAD OF STATE'S AFFAIRS IN ORDER. A CHATEAU WAS SOLD, AND THE GENDARMERIE IN THE VILLAGE WHERE THE EMPEROR'S LAST REMAINING PROPERTY IS LOCATED REPORTED A GREAT DEAL OF MOVEMENT IN THE GROUNDS OF THE CHATEAU LAST WEEKEND. THESE FACTS CONFIRM THAT THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN BANGUI IS MORE THE RESULT OF AN INTERNAL NEGOTIATION THAN OF A REAL SHOW OF STRENGTH.

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